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FOR: PLANAR ARRAYS OF MICROPARTICLE-
BOUND POLYNUCLEOTIDES

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Supplemental AmendmentAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This supplemental amendment is submitted in response to telephone conversations with the Examiner between the dates of January 4, 2002 and January 11, 2002. Please amend the application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please replace claim 24 with the rewritten claim below, and cancel claim 35.

Also enclosed, starting on a separate page following this response, is a marked copy of the presently amended claim showing all changes relative to the previous version.

24. (Twice Amended) An array of polynucleotides, comprising:

a closely packed planar array of microparticles, the closely packed planar array having a number of microparticles per unit area in the planar array is at least eighty percent of the number of microparticles in a hexagonal array of equal area; and

a plurality of different polynucleotides attached to the microparticles, such that each different polynucleotide is attached to a different microparticle.

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